

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Original) A method for printing print data using a printer including a first print head and a second print head which is staggered with respect to the first print head, the method comprising steps of:

(A) identifying a time offset indicating a printing time of the second print head relative to a printing time of the first print head;

(B) in a first time interval, performing steps of:

(1) providing a first portion of the print data to the first print head;

(2) providing null data to the second print head;

(C) in a second time interval which occurs later than the first time interval by an amount of time equal to the time offset, performing steps of:

(1) providing a second portion of the print data to the first print head; and

(2) providing the first portion of the print data to the second print head.

Claim 8 (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of:

(D) in a third time interval which occurs later than the first time interval by an amount of time equal to less than the time offset, performing steps of:

(1) providing a third portion of the print data to the first print head; and

(2) providing null data to the second print head.

Claim 9 (Original) A device for printing print data using a printer including a first print head and a second print head which is staggered with respect to the first print head, the device comprising:

means for identifying a time offset indicating a printing time of the second print head relative to a printing time of the first print head;

means for providing, in a first time interval, a first portion of the print data to the first print head;

means for providing, in the first time interval, null data to the second print head;

means for providing, in a second time interval which occurs later than the first time interval by an amount of time equal to the time offset, a second portion of the print data to the first print head; and

means for providing, in the second time interval, the first portion of the print data to the second print head.

Claim 10 (Original) The device of claim 9, further comprising:

means for providing, in a third time interval which occurs later than the first time interval by an amount of time equal to less than the time offset, a third portion of the print data to the first print head; and

means for providing, in the third time interval, null data to the second print head.

Claims 11 – 18 (Canceled)